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## A Reason to be Thankful

*A Special Message from ICC President, Rick Fleck*

**T**here is something special about the season of Thanksgiving. As the air changes from cool to cold, and plans are made to feast with family and friends, I can't help but feel excited. Of course, this year's Thanksgiving will surely be different than any other.

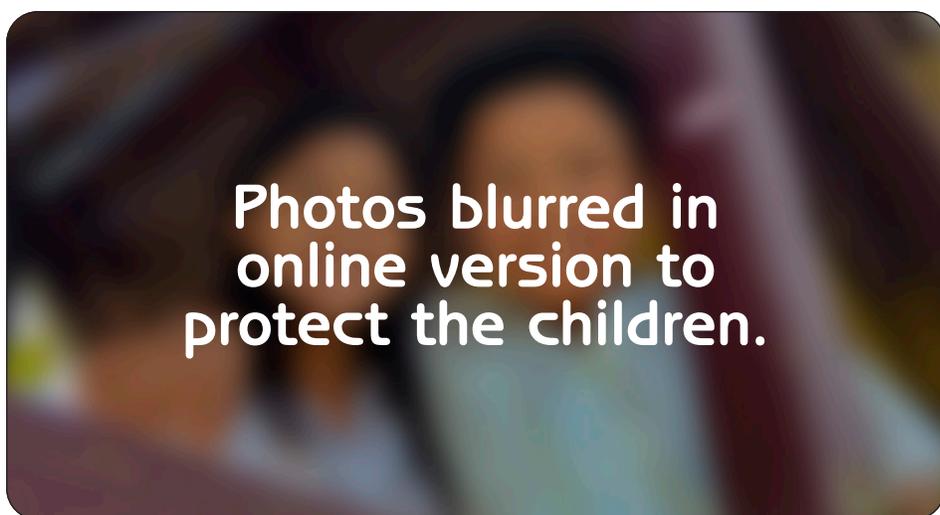
As I write this, the election is a few weeks away and there is much unrest in the United States, as well as around the world. Many people continue to social-distance and will do so for a while longer. Will life ever be "normal" again?

In the midst of this constantly changing world, there is one thing that will not change this Thanksgiving season. That is how thankful I am, and **how thankful the children are, for YOU.**

Because of you, once-orphaned children now sit at the family table with parents that love them. They are able to hold hands with their sisters and brothers, laughing and telling stories. Oh, to imagine what they might say!

While it's not possible to join the children for dinner this Thanksgiving, know that you are always at the table in their hearts.

Following on the theme of sitting at the table, the next few sections



This Thanksgiving season, your loving care makes it possible for orphan children, like these children from Guatemala, to know the blessing of family in a safe home. Thank you!

are what you might call a "thanksgiving feast" of quotes, photos, and stories from all around the world. The common thread in each section is thankfulness and thoughtfulness for you. Thank you for all you do and Happy Thanksgiving!

### *You Provide Safety*

Because of your support, ICC children have security and safety in their homes during the pandemic. For that they are thankful! Just as you think of the children, they also think of you.

"I'm concerned about my family and my sponsors. I don't want them to get infected. I'm

fine here. I have everything I need, and we are well cared for."  
Anselmo, Age 12  
Guatemala

"I'm concerned about my family. I don't want them to be infected, and I hope they are washing their hands and using masks. I feel protected in the Hogar. They take care of us a lot."  
Julio, Age 13  
Guatemala

### *You Provide Health*

Most children who come to us lived in poverty before joining

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the ICC family. Now, your support makes it possible for these children to have full bellies and healthy living! Desiré, the Patmos director in Congo, recently shared this about the children.

“Often, the children say that at home in their villages of origin, they ate food without oil, and often without cooking salt, only had one food... But at Patmos, all sorts of food are available.

“The children say that they used to spend several days and nights in the forest to hide or flee from the criminals who often came to loot their property and empty their food stores. Currently, they are very happy to be in an environment where they cannot see more weapons.”

## *You Provide Change*

Sherlin joined Las Palmas Children’s Village in Dominican Republic when she was just three-years-old. She arrived hungry, sick, and in desperate need of a stable family. Because of a self-destructive lifestyle, Sherlin’s mother was in an

Photos blurred to protect the children.

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Your support gives the children so many reasons to be thankful! Sherlin was once malnourished and sick, now she is a happy and healthy child. The photo to the left was taken when Sherlin first arrived. The photo on the right was taken this year.

advanced stage of tuberculosis and could not care for her. Government officials intervened and brought Sherlin to ICC. Although she tested positive for tuberculosis, she did not have the disease and was not contagious.

Sherlin was taken to a pediatric immunologist to learn how to provide proper care. Sherlin also suffered from malnutrition. So, the Las Palmas staff went to work providing Sherlin with care and love. In a short while, Sherlin looked and felt much better. Now, Sherlin is eating very well and loves vegetables. She is 5-years-old and

follows her house mother everywhere around the house, talking the entire time. From the life of a hungry and sick child, Sherlin has transformed into a very happy and healthy little girl.

**This is a prime example of the transformative power that you help to provide in the life of ICC Children! While we may not be able to sit at the family table and exchange stories with the children here on earth, surely there will be an opportunity in Heaven. That will be the ultimate “Thanksgiving” meal! Thank you for all you do to bless the kids!**

# In Honor of Mattai Dolla



While we mourn the loss of Mattai, we can't help but be thankful for the legacy of love that he left behind with each child and person he cared for. Mattai is pictured here with his wife, Krupa.

**T**he DEWS Sweet Home experienced a tragic loss recently, when treasured house father, Mattai Dolla, passed away on September 22, 2020.

Although there is sadness, there is also a spirit of thanksgiving for Mattai’s life. With the comfort of our Heavenly Father to lift us up, we celebrate Mattai’s life with thankfulness for the love he shared that can still be felt today.

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# YOU Can Provide a "Gift of Hope"

I know that people always talk about Thanksgiving as a time to reflect on the blessings that you have received. I know that it is also a time to be just that, "thankful."

Well, this month we have a tremendous "gift of hope" to be thankful for. We have had 4-5 different ICC family members step up with a challenge to our full donor family here at the end of this year.

These few donors have put together their monies and told us that they will match the "extra" donations that come in for the children from now until the end of the year, up to a specific amount.

We do not have that total for you yet since these donors are still contemplating their final challenge amounts, but we do know that it will be in excess of \$100,000. That means that this could total over

\$200,000 to provide hope for the children's programs!

What an amazing blessing that the children are so thankful for! These dollars will go to feed, clothe, educate and give these children a hope in their lives that will go far beyond this holiday season. YOU can be a BIG part of this opportunity this holiday season by sending in an extra donation this year and earmarking it "Matching Hope."

**You can have your donation matched 100% this holiday season. This will become a double-blessing in the children's lives.**

When we all think about an investment, we think that 3%, 5% or more is a great return on our investment. Today, you have a short window in which you can have 100% of your investment into the lives of the children matched.

This matching grant can bring the hope to the children's lives that they so much need and desire if each one of us can just give a little extra. YOU can make that happen. YOU can help to change the lives of so many this year by your special gift that will be matched.

Please consider giving to this special matching grant opportunity ASAP. This won't last long, so please make sure you are part of this wonderful "Gift of Hope" for the children's lives.

God bless each one of you as you prayerfully consider doubling your investment this holiday season.

Always thankful to, and for each one of you,



Doug Congleton  
Executive Director

## Orphans/Vulnerable Children's Sabbath November 21, 2020

We are pleased to announce that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has set aside Sabbath, November 21, 2020 as Orphans/Vulnerable Children's Sabbath.

This initiative is sponsored by the Adventist Possibility Ministries (APM) of the General Conference.

As an ICC family member, you already realize how important it is to provide care for orphaned and vulnerable children. What a blessing it is that the world church is also recognizing this and is including orphans and

vulnerable children as one of seven important ministries focused on the special needs and possibilities of different people groups (the blind, the deaf, etc.).

Please encourage your local church to join other churches on November 21 in recognizing the special work being done for orphan children.

Resources are available (sermon, posters, and printable brochures) to share with your church. Download them at the ICC website:

[www.internationalchildren-scare.org/WorldOrphanDay](http://www.internationalchildren-scare.org/WorldOrphanDay)

ICC is pleased to partner with APM. ICC administrators are part of the taskforce that is developing the church's ministry approach to orphans and vulnerable children.

More information about APM can be found at their website:

[www.possibilityministries.org](http://www.possibilityministries.org)



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# ***In Honor of Mattai Dolla***

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“Pastor Mattai was a great and exemplary father to our Sweet Home family,” Said Susan, DEWS Sweet Home Director.

Mattai Dolla was born on September 6, 1971. He and his family joined the DEWS Sweet Home in January 2014. In addition to being a house father, Mattai also spent some time working as the farm manager, and was the campus pastor. He was a spiritual leader for all of DEWS Sweet Home.

“Mattai was a real father to everyone on the campus,” Said Rao, Susan’s husband. “He was concerned for every child on the campus and carried a very pleasant and smiling face all the time. Mattai was also very much driven by passion for ministry. This is a great loss to everyone at our Sweet Home.”

Every time a child became sick, Mattai was by that child’s side with medicine, prayer, and a smiling face. He prayed with anyone who needed prayer.

“He was a great help to our Home,” Said Udai, a former ICC child and the current Business

Manager at Sweet Home. “I was like a son to him, and we had fun times together and discussed many things.”

In Mattai’s time at DEWS Sweet Home, he left an incredible legacy of love. The lives he helped to transform will continue to pass on that legacy for generations to come.

“Children and staff loved him, and he has a special place in our hearts and on our campus,” Said Susan.

Mattai is survived by his wife, Dyva Krupa Dolla, and three children: Shanthi Dolla, Bobby Dolla, and Divya Teja Dolla.

## ***Memorials***

### **In Honor of Harry**

*Praise for Healing*

Herb & Anna May Waters

### **In Memory of Ron Boucher**

Herb & Anna May Waters

### **In Memory of Keith Canwell**

Herb & Anna May Waters

### **In Memory of Frank Closser**

Jim & Judy Culpepper

### **In Memory of Mildred Dorin**

Melvin Dorin

### **In Memory of Helen Downey**

Tom Downey

### **In Memory of Helen Downey**

Carl G. & Katherine Swenson

### **In Memory of Amy Duarte**

Maria Sherman

### **In Memory of Marlin Dunker**

Susan Dunker

### **In Memory of Byron Eller**

J. Lamont & Rebecca Murdoch

### **In Memory of Gerri Fessenden**

Herb & Anna May Waters

### **In Memory of Gerri Fessenden**

Lillian Wysong

### **In Memory of Gerard Freeman**

Eleni Cade

### **In Memory of Gerard Freeman**

Barbara & Dennis Livrone

### **In Memory of Carl Hendrickson**

Herb & Anna May Waters

### **In Memory of Morey Huey**

Herb & Anna May Waters

### **In Memory of Eileen Kennedy**

Lillian Wysong

### **In Memory of Dan Knapp**

Herb & Anna May Waters

### **In Memory of Mary Ellen Lenihan**

Carl Rennhack

### **In Memory of Pastor Matthai**

Jean Hall

### **In Memory of Pastor Matthai**

Susan Freeman

### **In Memory of Bette Parris**

Jodi & David Patterson

### **In Memory of Mrs. Patterson**

Lillian Wysong

### **In Memory of Lyle Pierce**

Lillian Wysong

### **In Honor of Joel Reyes**

Jim & Judy Culpepper

### **In Memory of Donna Scofield**

Sharon Marques

### **In Memory of Hans Wiggers**

Charles and Joan Thomas

### **In Memory of Larry Williams**

Irma Williams

### **In Memory of Virginia Wilson**

Lillian Wysong



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